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CONTAINS ISHTAR (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/004 PR141-71 NATIONAL SECURITY  
AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC I. SOUTHWEST VIETNAM MILITARY SITUATION  
1. DMZ AREA ON 10 JUNE THE 8TH BATTALION, 66TH REGIMENT, NVA 304TH DIVISION WAS  
ORDERED TO REPEL ANTICIPATED ALLIED TROOP LANDINGS IN THE AREA OF FIRE SUPPORT  
BASE SARGE IN CENTRAL QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE 8TH BATTALION WAS DIRECTED TO  
STRIKE ALLIED UNITS EXPECTED TO LAND AT HILL 400 (YD 100353, 16-35N 106-57E)  
AND HILL 440 (YD 068405, 16-38N 106-56E). AN ALTERNATE PLAN, A MORTAR ATTACK  
AGAINST ALLIED FORCES AT PROBABLY KHE DONG CHE (A STREAM ORIGINATING AT XD  
997445, 16-41N 106-52E), WILL BE CARRIED OUT IF THE ENEMY LANDS AT CH DONG. A  
9 JUNE MESSAGE FROM AN ELEMENT OF GROUP 31 INCLUDED AN AFTER-ACTION REPORT OF  
THE NVA STRIKE ON HILL 950 (XD 844456, 16-41N 106-43E). THE REPORTING ELEMENT  
STATED, \$WE CAPTURED 11 PRISONERS, INCLUDING 1 AMERICAN. \$ IN A RECENTLY  
AVAILABLE 6 JUNE MESSAGE, AN ELEMENT OF THE 66TH REGIMENT, NVA 304TH DIVISION  
ALSO HAD REPORTED \$CAPTURING 1 PRISONER, \$ AND AN EARLIER MESSAGE ON 6 JUNE  
DISCLOSED THE CAPTURE OF \$6 ARVN PRISONERS AT DONG TRI \$; HOWEVER, THE  
INFORMATION AT HAND SUGGESTS THAT THE TWO 66TH REGIMENT MESSAGES INVOLVE  
SEPARATE INCIDENTS. ON 12 JUNE, AN ELEMENT OF GROUP 31 REPORTED THAT THE 4TH  
BATTALION, ARVN 2D REGIMENT WAS LOCATED SOUTH OF HILL 288 (YD 057589, 16-47N  
106-55E) AND THAT TWO COMPANIES OF THE 3D BATTALION, ARVN 2D REGIMENT WERE  
LOCATED AT BAN HIU (XD 995585, 16-47N 106-52E). ON 13 JUNE ANOTHER GROUP UNIT  
WAS ORDERED TO CLOSELY RECONNOITER \$THE ENEMY \$ AT HILL 288 AND HILL 322 (XD  
999543, 16-45N 106-52E) IN PREPARATION FOR THE ARRIVAL OF AN NVA INFANTRY UNIT  
THAT NIGHT. (ISHTAR) ON 12 JUNE AN ELEMENT OF THE 52D REGIMENT, NVA 320TH  
DIVISION REPORTED ALLIED AIRCRAFT AND ARTILLERY ACTIVITY IN CENTRAL QUANG TRI  
PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, ALLIED C-130 AIRCRAFT FLEW FROM DONG HA TO  
TA CON GKXD 832435, 16-39N 106-43E) AND HU-1B HELICOPTERS LANDED AT DONG NGO  
(POSSIBLY DONG NGON, YD 097443, 16-39N 106-57E). THE REPORTING ELEMENT ALSO  
STATED THAT HELICOPTERS SHELLED THE AREA SOUTHWEST OF DONG CHE (YD 018396,  
16-37N 106-53E) AND THAT ALLIED ARTILLERY AT CAMP CARROLL FIRED INTO TH AREAS  
OF HILL 525 (XD 960450, 16-41N 106-50E) AND DONG CO TIEN (YD 080314, 16-33N  
106-56E). ALSO IN CENTRAL QUANG TRI ON 11 JUNE, ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 304TH  
DIVISION REPORTED THAT AT 0800(G), ALLIED CH-47 HELICOPTERS LANDED 11 ARTILLERY  
PIECES AT BEN TRI (YD 118432, 16-39N 106-58E). AN ALLIED B-52 STRIKE AT 1120(G)  
IN THE AREA NORTH OF NUI TA LAOU (YD 095385, 16-36N 106-57E) WAS ALSO REPORTED.  
CONTINUED RECONNAISSANCE BY 304TH DIVISION ELEMENTS ON 12 JUNE DISCLOSED THAT  
ALLIED TROOPS WERE LANDED AT NUI TA LAOU AT 0700(G), FOLLOWING HEAVY HELICOPTER

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SHELLING OF THE AREA. OTHER REPORTS NOTED ALLIED BOMBING OF KHE DONG (PROBABLY KHE DONG CHE STREAM, ORIGINATING AT XD 997445, 16-39N 106-52E), AND HELICOPTER SUPPLY ACTIVITY AT FIRE SUPPORT BASE SARGE (YD 829478, 16-41N 106-53E). IN THE EASTERN DMZ AREA ON 13 JUNE AN ELEMENT OF THE SUSPECTED 3D BATTALION, NVA 278 REGIMENT REPORTED THAT IT SHOT DOWN ONE ALLIED AIRCRAFT AT 0700(G) ON 12 JUNE. NVA 38TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT ON 11 JUNE DISCLOSED THE PLANNED WITHDRAWAL OF ANOTHER OBSERVATION STATION ON THE MORNING OF 12 JUNE FROM THE DMZ AREA. ACCORDING TO THE MESSAGE THE WITHDRAWING STATION REQUESTED HELP FROM A 14TH COMPANY IN CARRYING EQUIPMENT. (2/00/UCHYR256-71, 111745Z) ~~SECRET SPOKE~~

~~SECRET~~ 2. MILITARY REGION 5 IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE ON 12 JUNE, THE DUU XUYEN AND DIEN BAN DISTRICT UNITS, THE HOI AN MUNICIPAL UNIT, AREA 3 AND DISTRICT 3 WERE INFORMED THAT THE OPEN-FIRE DATE FOR PHASE 1 OF THE NEW GUERRILLA WARFARE CAMPAIGN WOULD BE THE NIGHT OF 18-19 JUNE FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF ACCELERATED ACTIVITY FOR 3 TO 5 DAYS. IN A MESSAGE ON 9 JUNE, GENERAL BINH--FRONT 4 COMMANDER--GAVE ALL UNITS ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE GUERRILLA WARFARE CAMPAIGN. UNITS WERE ORDERED TO ORGANIZE RPG TEAMS FOR ATTACKS AGAINST ARMORED VEHICLE PARKS IN THE FIELD; MORTARS ARE TO BE USED AGAINST UNPROTECTED TROOPS WITH EMPHASIS GIVEN TO DAY ATTACKS, NIGHT ATTACKS FROM 2000 TO 2300(H), AND ATTACKS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS. TWO TO THREE AREAS WITHIN EACH DISTRICT WITH THREE TO FIVE TEAMS WITHIN EACH AREA ARE TO BE ORGANIZED DURING THE PERIODS OF ACCELERATED ACTIVITY FOR FIRING ON AIRCRAFT. FINALLY, UNITS WERE ORDERED TO DECOY ENEMY AIRCRAFT INTO CLOSE RANGE BEFORE UNIFORMLY OPENING FIRE. ON 12 JUNE, SECRETARY PHUOC OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE PARTY COMMITTEE ORDERED AN UNIDENTIFIED UNIT TO CLOSELY FOLLOW GOVERNMENT ELECTION PREPARATIONS AND TO SUBMIT A ROSTER AND PERSONAL HISTORY OF PERSONNEL SELECTED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. XXHH 900 03207 NNNH

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